



**ST. THOMAS**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We, the baptized ministers,  
declare Christ's Mission for us:  
to grow as a Church  
in the spiritual strength  
of community,  
and to care, reach out,  
and include all people in Christ's love.

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II—10:00 AM

June 30, 2024

Welcome to St. Thomas! We are so glad that you are here with us. If you are new to our community, we invite you to fill out a welcome card located in the pew rack in front of you, and either place it in the offering plate or hand it to a priest. We also invite you to stay with us for coffee hour after the service.

## THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

The Rev. Will Drosos

Prelude

Procession

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

#400 Hymnal 1982



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
 \*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
 \*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
 \*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**The Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Song of Praise**

*Glory Be to God*

#S204 Hymnal 1982

1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks

to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,



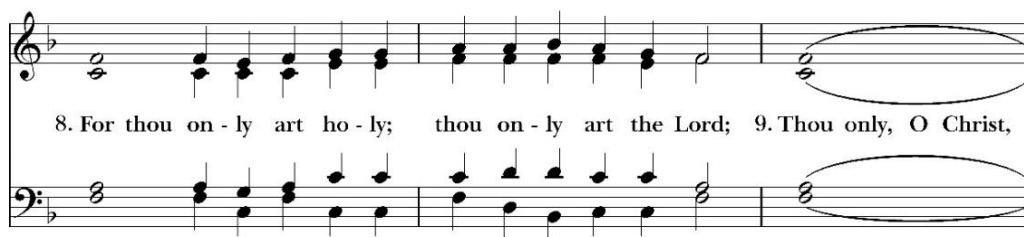
5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.



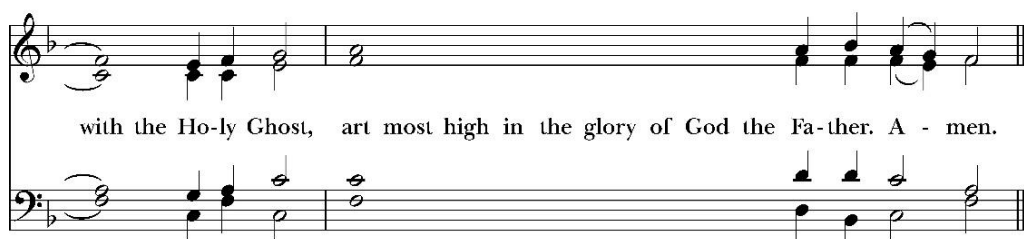
6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,



with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### **The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

### 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 130** (*We will pray Psalm 130 responsively by half verse*)

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice; \*

**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*

**O Lord, who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*

**therefore you shall be feared.**

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*

**in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, \*

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*

**for with the LORD there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*

**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

**The Second Lesson**

**2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

A reading from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians.

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*Down by the Riverside 1,2 / 3,4*

**#210 Lift Every Voice and Sing II**

1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,  
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,  
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,

Down by the riv - er - side.  
 1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,  
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,  
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, To stud - y war no

I ain't goin't  
more. stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no

I ain't goin't  
more, stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't  
stud - y war no more,

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no more.

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## **The Gospel**

## **Mark 5:21-43**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**Br. Joshua Waits, CFC**



### The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

The prayers of the people is a time for us to come together as we offer our prayers to God. Please offer your own prayers in the pauses, either silently or aloud. Kneeling as you are able, let us pray.

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people, gathered at your table. We remember our community and its needs *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body to be our spiritual food, listen as we pray for his body the Church, spread throughout the world. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Mark, Gayle, and Bud, our Bishops; Fran, Will, Rishabh, Lori, Mary and Nicole, our staff; Mary, our Deacon in Training; Caroline, our Intern; for the teachers at the Early Learning Center; for our brother, Joshua, now a novice in the Community of Francis and Clare; and for the Vestry and Officers of St. Thomas.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ, who takes away the sin of the world, listen as we pray for that world and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends to give us this meal of holy fellowship, listen as we pray for all whom you have given us, our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours. We pray for all those celebrating birthdays this week, for all those celebrating their wedding anniversary this week, and for those blessings you would name *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial, listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings through fear or pain or distress of any kind. Together we pray for **Ethan, Vincent, Lucy, Baby Vera, Emily and Dave, Lynn, Betsy, Yusuf, Bruce, Bill, Fran, Bill, Lisa, KP, Carolyn, Mindy, Barbara, Bill, Kay, Laura, Andrew, Lee, Cindy, Dean, Beverly,** and those whom you would name *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven, listen as we pray for those who have died, especially those whom you would name *[pause]*.

In faith, **we pray to you, our God.**

Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

*Adapted from the Church of England, Common Worship resource, found at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons-5#mmm260>*

Together let us pray for St Thomas Church.

**Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified, hear our prayer for St Thomas, build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **Celebration of Franciscan Vocation**

*Rev. Fran begins with this introduction:*

Beloved, our desire to live a Gospel life flows from our baptismal vows. As we live our baptism, we respond to the Love of God that has been given to us from the beginning of creation. This response is what we call a vocation. Joshua, inspired by the passion and faith of St. Francis and St. Clare, has responded to God's love by entering the novitiate in the Community of Francis and Clare. Truly, the Rule of all Franciscans is to follow Jesus and live his Gospel. Today, Joshua recalls the fervor of their desire to live this Rule. We recall how we have dedicated our lives to loving God, our neighbors, and ourselves. We recall that God's love is the center of our hearts and celebrate the witness of the Franciscan vocation that will now be lived out among us.

*Br. Joshua will lead the following and the congregation will respond:*

Loving God, make us instruments of peace,

**Fill us with your Spirit.**

Loving God, help us rebuild your church

**Fill us with your Spirit.**

Loving God, grant us the grace to cherish your creation

**Fill us with your Spirit.**

Loving God, make us instruments of healing.

**Fill us with your Spirit.**

Loving God, we pray for those who have gone before us and will follow us,

**Fill us with your Spirit.**

*Rev/ Fran, placing her hand on Br. Joshua or making the sign of the cross:*

Brother Joshua, on behalf of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, we welcome and celebrate your ministry as a Franciscan. May you live the Gospel with us, in the footsteps of Francis and Clare, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Let us pray: Loving God, you have called Brother Joshua, to follow you in a new way of life as a Novice in the Community of Francis and Clare. We praise and bless you for the mystery of your holy vocation bestowed upon them. Guard, guide, and defend them as they endeavor to follow the Rule and Life of their Community. Bless all of us with your grace and love, as we each live out our own vocations. **AMEN.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Following the exchange of peace in the church, peace is exchanged with the congregation on Zoom.*

### **The Offertory**

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



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<https://stthomasmcleanva.org/giving/donate>.

**Offertory Hymn**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**#405 Hymnal 1982**

*Descant*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



*Repeat Refrain*

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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**The Doxology** (to the tune of "All Creatures of Our God and King")

**#400 Hymnal 1982**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**  
**Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia**  
**Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts**  
**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**  
**O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Gluten free wafers are available on request. As the Eucharist is distributed, all who desire prayers for healing—for themselves or for others—are invited to come to the healing minister behind the lectern on the right as you face the altar.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

### **EOW Eucharistic Prayer 1**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

### **Sanctus: #S130 Hymnal 1982**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Thomas and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Fraction – #873 Wonder, Love, and Praise

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Those who  
eat my flesh and drink my blood a - bide in me and  
I in them. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### **A note about the distribution of the Eucharist:**

*We offer both the common cup and a cup for intinction. If you would like to receive by intinction, please go the left side of the altar rail and the presiding priest will dip the bread in the cup for you. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please go to the right side of the altar rail where the bread and the cup will be offered separately.*



## Prayer for Spiritual Communion on Zoom

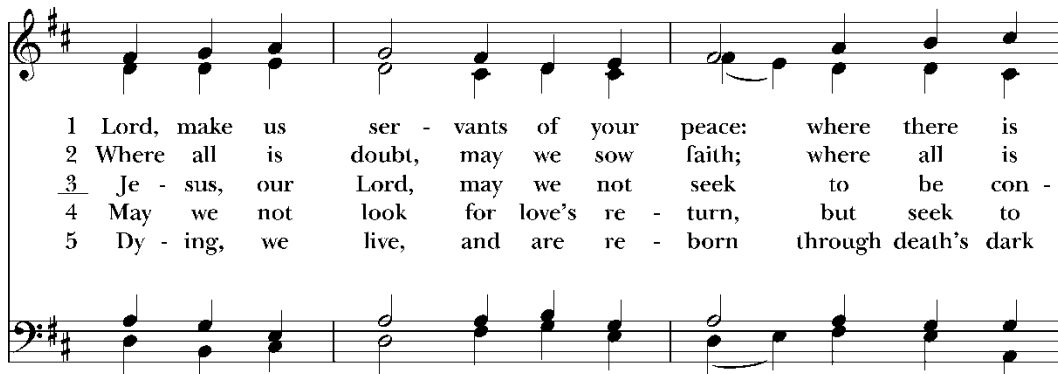
While some are receiving communion at church, those worshiping on Zoom say the following prayer:

**In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally today, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

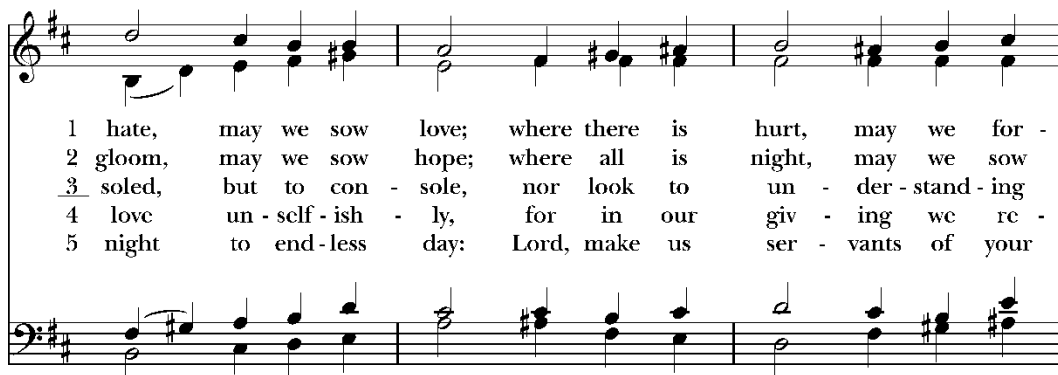
## Communion Hymn

*Prayer of St. Francis*


#593 Hymnal 1982



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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### Post-communion Prayer for a Multi-located Congregation

Let us pray. **God of abundance, we gather as your faithful people near and far. We believe you are present with us as we are united with Christ and one another in prayer and sacrament. We thank you for feeding all of us with your love and for making us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.** *Written by the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski, adapted by the Rev. Will Drosos*

### The Blessing

May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God, strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

### Announcements

### Recessional Hymn

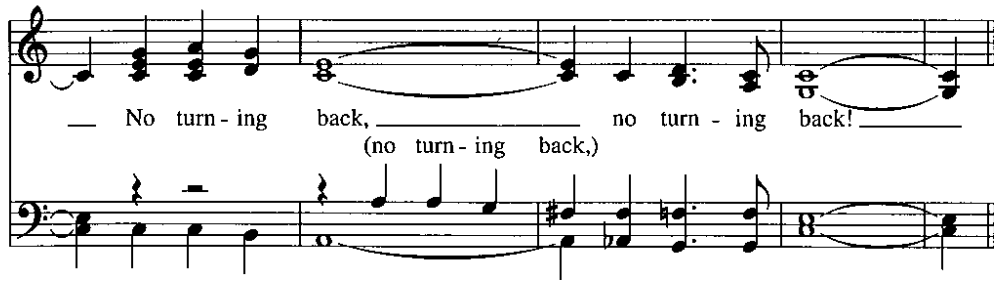
*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**#136 Lift Every Voice and Sing II**

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### The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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## ***PRAYER FOR ST. THOMAS CHURCH***

*Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of your Church is governed and sanctified. Hear our prayer for St. Thomas: build in us a renewed vision of your Church; shape our life according to your will; empower us with the gifts to make us one, that together we may grow as a church in the spiritual strength of community, and reach out to include all people in Christ's love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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